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Serial No.: 09/862,917

Group Art Unit: 3629

Filing Date: May 22, 2001

Examiner: Borissov, Igor N.

Applicant(s): JARMAN et al.

Title: UTILITY METERING SYSTEM INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION
AUTHORISATION SYSTEM

Abandoned: August 23, 2003

Atty. Docket: 78104073/JE/N16035 (formerly 708P009508-US(PAR))

**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION
- UNINTENTIONAL DELAY (37 CFR §1.137(b), MPEP 711.03(c))**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

The above-noted application became abandoned on August 23, 2003 owing to failure to file a Response to an Office Action dated May 22, 2003, such Office Action requiring a Response on or before August 22, 2003 (not regarding any extensions of time obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136). The applicant petitions to revive the application under 37 CFR §1.137. This petition includes (37 CFR §1.137(b)):

1. **Required Reply (37 CFR §1.137(b)(1)):** The Response to the outstanding Office Action accompanies this Petition.
2. **Petition Fee (37 CFR §1.137(b)(2)/37 CFR §1.17(m)):** A form PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the petition fee of \$665 is enclosed. Small Entity status applies.

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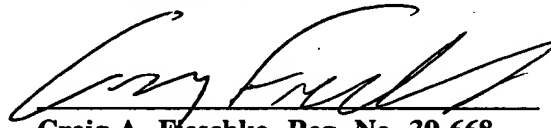
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3. *Statement of Unintentional Delay (37 CFR §1.137(b)(3))*: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. This Petition is filed within within one year of the August 22, 2003 abandonment date.

4. *Terminal Disclaimer and Fee (37 CFR §§1.20(d); 1.137(b)(4), (d); 1.321)*: The application is a utility application filed after June 8, 1995, and thus no terminal disclaimer is believed necessary.

If any questions regarding this petition or the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

For the Applicant,



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ATTACHMENTS:

- PTO-2038 (\$665)
- Response to May 22, 2003 Office Action
- Power of Attorney